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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN-MOROCCAN RELATIONS: VISIT OF FOREIGN
MINISTER BOUCETA

1. IN LAST WEEK OF JUNE MOROCCANS JOINED RECENT PARADE
OF MODERATES FROM THE AFRICAN CONTINENT PASSING THROUGH
BUCHAREST: OBASANJO OF NIGERIA, FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GHANA
AND IVORY COAST, CHIEF OF THE ASHANTIS OF GHANA, GABONESE
MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ZAIRIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.
FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETA'S JUNE 26-29 VISIT ALSO COINCIDED
WITH FIRST SESSION OF ROMANIAN-MOROCCAN JOINT COMMISSION
OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION (JUNE 26-28), VISIT
OF MOROCCAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION, AND JUNE 26-JULY 1
VISIT BY ALGERIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF ENERGY
AND PETROLEUM TO ATTEND SESSION OF ROMANIAN-ALGERIAN JOINT
COMMISSION.

2. ROMANIAN PRESS STATES THAT ACCORDS WERE SIGNED WITH
MOROCCO ON (1) ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE COM-
MISSION (2) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION (3) COMMERCIAL
EXCHANGES FOR 1979-1983 AND (4) GOVERNMENTAL CREDIT. WHEN
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QUERIED ABOUT LAST ACCORD, MOROCCAN DCM ABDELALI SERRAJ
(WHO TRANSFERS TO RABAT THIS WEEK AFTER FIVE YEARS HERE)
CONFIRMED THAT CREDITS WERE FOR CREDITS TO MOROCCO FOR
PURCHASE OF ROMANIAN EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY. SERRAJ
STATED THE MOROCCANS HAD SOUGHT 2.5 PERCENT RATE OF INTEREST
WHILE ROMANIANS HAD HELD OUT FOR 8.5 PERCENT UNTIL PRESIDENT
CEAUSESCU HAD INTERVENED AND SET RATE FOR 4.5 PERCENT OUT

OF "POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS". SERRAJ ACKNOWLEDGED LATTER WERE RELATED TO SAHARAN QUESTION AND CLAIMED A "COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS" ON THE SUBJECT.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED AT END OF BOUCETA'S VISIT WAS UNREMARKABLE AND ADHERED TO STANDARD FORMAT FOR SUCH DOCUMENTS. HOWEVER, COMMUNIQUE DID PROVIDE ROMANIANS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GET ON RECORD OPPOSITION TO ALL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN DISPUTES; WORDING WAS NUANCED TO MAKE CLEAR SPECIFIC RELEVANCE TO MOROCCAN-SAHARAN SITUATION: "FOR THE RESOLUTION OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS (VICE MORE GENERAL "BY PEACEFUL MEANS, THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS") AND RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND (THE SPECIFIC REFERENCE) TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY." GIVEN UNIVERSALITY OF GOR BALANCING ACT THAT GENERALLY PRECLUDES ANY OUTSPOKEN PUBLIC TAKING-OF-SIDES IN DISPUTES INVOLVING TWO GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH IT MAINTAINS FRIENDLY RELATIONS, THIS IS AS CLEAR A PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT AS GOR CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE AND REASON FOR SERRAJ'S OBVIOUS PLEASURE.

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